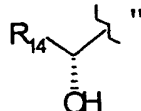


✓ In claim 16, lines 1-2, delete "any one of claims 13 to 15" and insert therefor --claim 13--.

✓ In claim 17, line 1, delete "any one of claims 13 to 16" and insert therefor --claim \_\_\_\_--.

In claim 24, after line, delete ", especially 

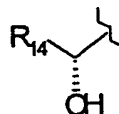
✓ In claim 28, lines 2-3, delete "any one of claims 1 to 25" and insert therefor --claim 1--.

✓ In claim 29, lines 5-7 delete ", or a fluorine containing oligopeptide salt or ester of any one of claims 1 to 25".

✓ In claim 30, lines 1-2, delete "any one of claims 1-25" and insert therefor --claim 1--.

Add the following new claim:

31. A dipeptide salt or ester according to claim 24, wherein  $R_{13}$  is a group of the formula



Delete claims 26 and 27.

#### REMARKS

The purpose of this Preliminary Amendment is to delete multiple claims dependencies and to conform certain of the claims to United States Patent and Trademark Office practice.